

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: 1978 BULGARIAN LANGUAGE SUMMER SEMINAR - AUGUST 1-30

REF: USICA 17579 AND 15834

1. AFTER REPEATED ATTEMPTS TO OBTAIN DECISION ON SUSAN MARSHALL AND KATHERINE MCKININ ON PARTICIPATION IN SUBJECT SEMINAR, MFA INFORMED EMBASSY JULY 25 THAT THEY HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY MINISTRY OF EDUCATION. ACCORDING TO CULTURAL COOPERATION DEPARTMENT (CCD) OF MFA, MARSHALL AND MCKININ HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH MIN OF ED WHICH HAD SENT THEM FORMS TO FILL OUT. FORMS HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO MIN OF ED WHICH HAS INFORMED MARSHALL AND MCKININ OF THEIR ACCEPTANCE.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS BUT LATEST EXAMPLE OF CHRONIC PROBLEM EMBASSY FACES IN DEALING THROUGH CCD OF MFA ON IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES. P&C OFFICER NOT PERMITTED TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH ACTION AGENCIES, BUT THROUGH CCD WHICH CONTINUALLY DELAYS DECISIONS, USUALLY UNTIL LAST MOMENT AS IN THIS CASE AND PREVIOUSLY WITH AMERICAN LECTURER FOR SEMINAR FOR BULGARIAN TEACHERS OF ENGLISH. WITH MARSHALL AND MCKININ CCD'S RESPONSE FOR WEEKS WAS "WORKING ON IT". MEANWHILE, MIN OF ED, WITH WHICH WE WERE NOT PERMITTED CONTACT, WAS IN FACT IN COMMUNICATION WITH CANDIDATES. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT AGENCY  
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BE MINDFUL OF THIS PROBLEM IN PREPARATIONS FOR  
UPCOMING BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS FOR NEXT PROGRAM OF  
EXCHANGES. END COMMENT.  
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